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OC VARSITY

THREE O.C. TEAMS TO PLAY FOR CIF STATE TITLES

Open Division
MATER DEI (14-0) VS. DE LA SALLE OF CONCORD (11-1), 8 P.M., SACRAMENTO STATE UNIVERSITY

Division 5-A
KATELLA (14-1) VS. FORTUNA (13-2), 6 P.M., GLOVER STADIUM IN ANAHEIM

Division 6-AA
ORANGE (13-2) VS. STRATHMORE (15-0), 6 P.M., EL MODENA HIGH IN ORANGE

PAUL RODRIGUEZ — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mater Dei coach Bruce Rollinson begins his victory celebration with his players in the Division 1 championship game in Norwalk on Dec. 2.

ALREADY GOLD

Few teams dare to dream about playing for a CIF state championship when high school football practices begin in 100-degree heat in August.

Well, maybe Mater Dei, the preseason No. 1 team in the nation for some polls, gave it some thought.

But 14 or 15 games later, three Orange County teams will play tonight with state titles on the line: Mater Dei in the Open Division, Katella in Division 5-A and Orange in Division 6-AA.

Mater Dei can establish itself among the elite teams in state history. Katella and Orange are smaller schools with a chance to celebrate on their sport's biggest stage.

There's something important to remember, though: The Monarchs, Knights and Panthers had to win at the CIF-Southern Section level — and, for the latter two, in the CIF State regional round — to get here.

They all already are champions.

BILL ALKOFER — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Katella's players are fired up in the closing minutes of their Division 5-A championship game win on Dec. 9.

MATT MASIN — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Orange's Jason Wilkinson, right, hugs Jordan Schmidt after their overtime win in the Division 6-AA championship game in Orange on Dec. 8.

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As Bruce Rollinson guides Mater Dei into state title game, the question is being raised, will this be his last game as the Monarchs coach? SPORTS 1

COURTESY OF "UNFAIR & UGLY"

A scene from "Unfair & Ugly," a proposed TV series showing Orange County through a South Asian, Muslim American lens.

PROPOSED TV SERIES

'Unfair & Ugly' views

Two Muslim women want you to picture another side of life in Orange County: theirs

By Deepa Bharath
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Yumna Khan and Nida Chowdhry met as teens in a youth group at the Islamic Center of Irvine — Chowdhry's parents are from Pakistan and Khan's from India.

Chowdhry, 30, went on to study film and media at UC Irvine and Khan, 24, earned a communications degree from UC San Diego.

Now the two women have blended their education, backgrounds and life experiences to create what they call "a six-epi-

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GOP VOTES IN PLACE

Tax plan holdouts on board

To win Marco Rubio's approval, Republicans expand benefits for working families

By Damian Paletta, Erica Werner, Jeff Stein and Mike DeBonis
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON » Congressional Republicans secured enough support Friday to pass their massive tax plan, a measure that would deliver a major legislative victory to President Donald Trump and his GOP allies and make tax changes affecting nearly every American family and business.

Passage appeared certain after two critical holdouts, Sens. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., and Bob Corker, R-Tenn., said they would vote for the bill next week.

Rubio was the key piece of a complicated and shifting political puzzle that the White House and GOP leaders spent months

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Are SoCal's GOP House members all aboard for the tax reform deal? If not, what are the reservations? PAGE 7

PARADE

Well-lit boat parade

KEVIN SULLIVAN — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A drummer plays on the bow of a boat during the 109th Newport Beach Christmas Boat Parade. STORY ON LOCAL 1

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Trump escalates complaints about FBI

The president on Friday leveled more criticism at the nation's top law enforcement agency amid growing conservative efforts to discredit the bureau's probe into possible links between Russia and his campaign. NEWS 3

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Angels sign Zack Cozart, move him to third base

The longtime shortstop, a former All-Star, inked a three-year deal for $38 million, completing the team's offseason moves to shore up its infield defense. SPORTS 1

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